

Why restore native plants and how?

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Why Do Anything

- ◉ Minimize habitat loss for wildlife
- ◉ Protect your land resource
- ◉ Limit exotic grass invasion
- ◉ Help disturbed areas recover and be usable by wildlife
- ◉ Enhance available habitat

Why native

- ◉ What was historically here
- ◉ These plants are what wildlife evolved to use
- ◉ Water usage

Well Adapted Together



Native plants offer habitat diversity



Native plants offer a wide variety of food sources utilized by wildlife



Non Native Downfalls

- ◉ Unintended consequences
- ◉ Can take over
- ◉ No benefit to the natural system



Common misconceptions about using natives for reclamation use

- They simply don't work
- They cost too much
- Native seeds simply are not available
- All native seeds available are the same
- A two species mix is more than enough for my site

Can it be done?



We think so



What is the problem?



x 1,000's miles?

What is the problem?



x 2,000 miles?

What is the problem?



x 90,000 pads?

Blue print for success

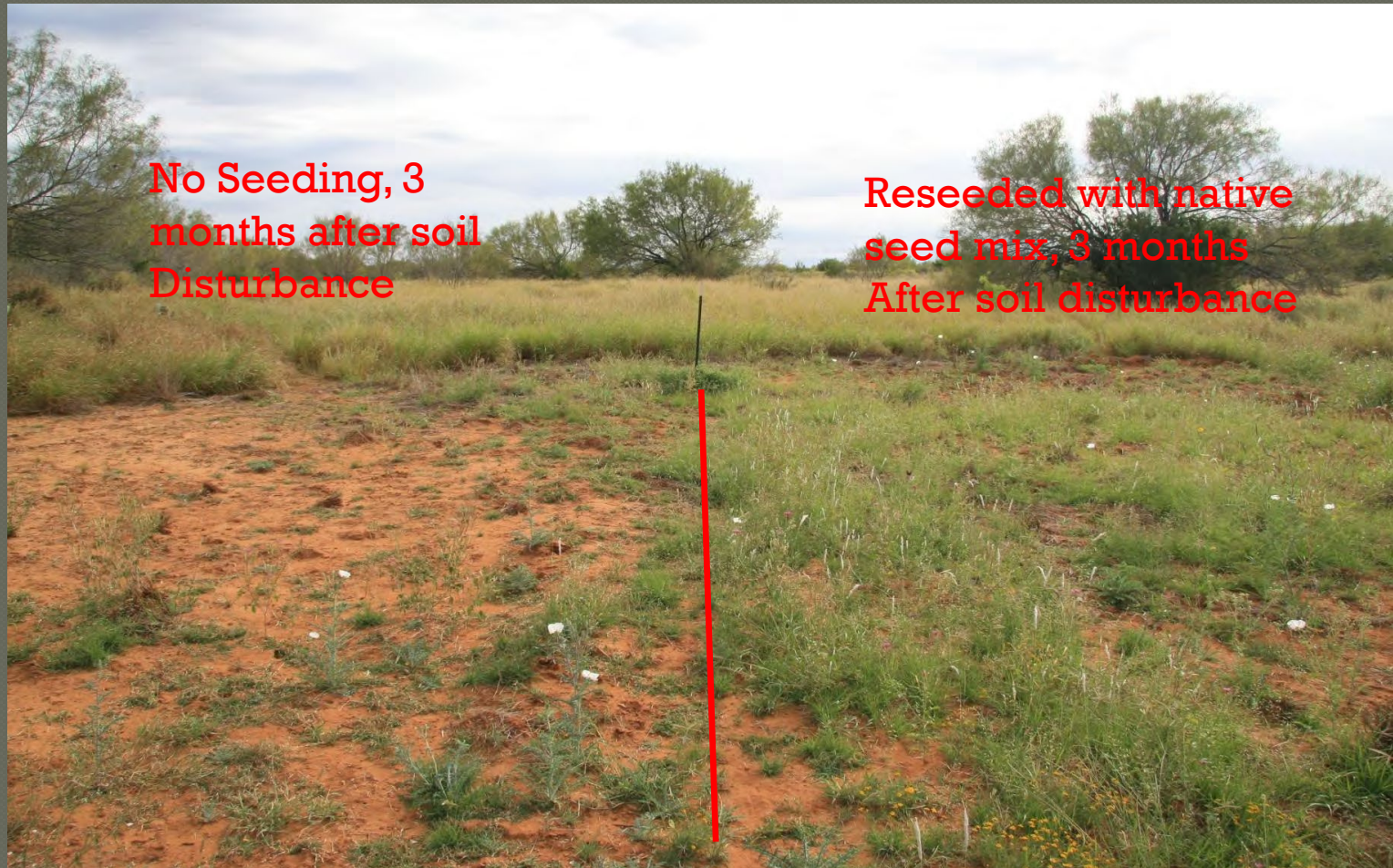
- Plan ahead
- Be clear with your oil company representative (or your lawyer), what you want done, and how. (Some people are even requesting the damage fees and doing the reclamation work themselves)
- Conduct site inventories before the work is started so you have a clear picture of what was there to begin with.

Maintain soil integrity on the site

- Remove topsoil and store to be put back on the site
- Double ditch the sub soil trench and keep the sub-soil layers separate, and put them back in the same sequence they were removed.



Do I need to reseed?

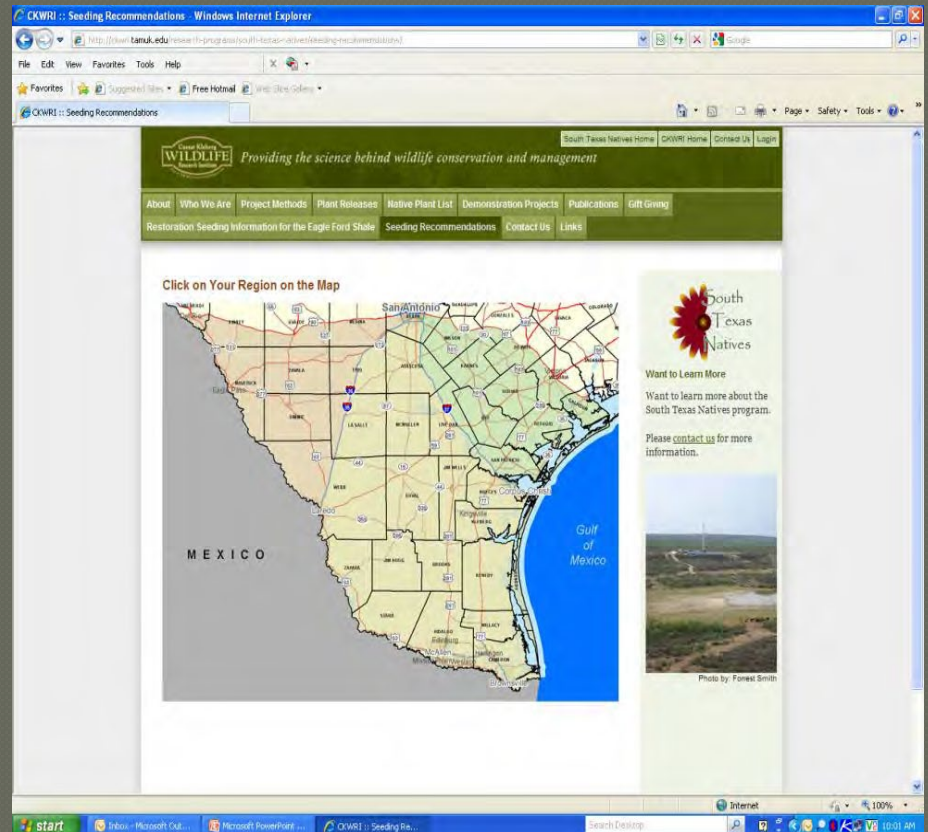


No Seeding, 3
months after soil
Disturbance

Reseeded with native
seed mix, 3 months
After soil disturbance

Select a seed mix for your site

- Site inventory
- Soils
- <http://ckwri.tamuk.edu/research-programs/south-texas-natives/>
- Contact us



Site preparation

- Contour sculpting
- A firm seed bed
- Weed free
- Timing

Good



Not so good



Getting the right equipment

- Planting equipment can be site or application specific
- Not every contractor has equipment that can be used to plant natives correctly
- Some sites might have to be reworked so that they can be planted



Native seed drills



Broadcasters



Hydroseeders

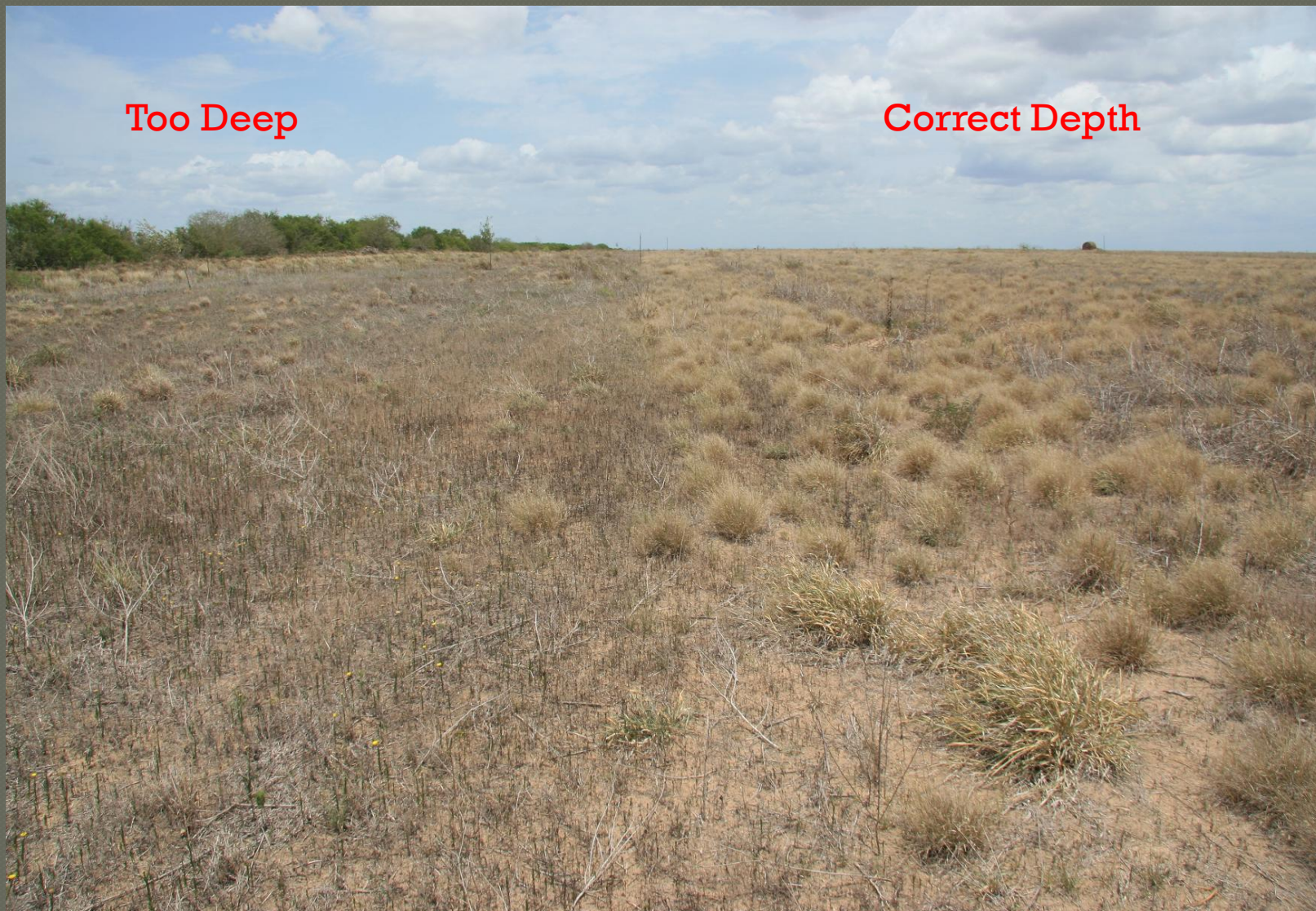


Planting depth

- Generally native seed should never be planted more than 1/4"
- Packing after planting
- If some seed is not visible on the soil surface your are planting too deep

Too Deep

Correct Depth



Patience

- These things take time
- Plants have evolved over time to only come up in favorable conditions one rain may not be enough
- Plants can be daylight and temperature sensitive

Weed control



Concerns with exotics

- Try to eliminate as much as possible before planting
- Spot spray after emergence
- Try to minimize disturbance of planted area

Livestock grazing

- Grazing should be deferred for at least 6 months after emergence if possible, one year is recommended
- Heavy grazing will set the native species back and allow room for exotic grasses to invade

What's Possible



What's Possible



Enjoy



Questions?

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